

## General Assembly

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Referred to Committee on Commerce

Introduced by: (CE)

## AN ACT CONCERNING THE REVIVAL OF APPROVED ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE AND ENCOURAGEMENT OF ECONOMIC COMPETITIVENESS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 16-243i of the general statutes is
- 2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective July
- 3 1, 2011):
- 4 (a) (1) The Department of Public Utility Control shall, not later than
- 5 January 1, 2006, establish a program to grant awards to retail end use
- 6 customers of electric distribution companies to fund the capital costs of
- 7 obtaining projects of customer-side distributed resources, as defined in
- 8 section 16-1. Any project shall receive [a one-time, nonrecurring] an
- 9 award in an amount of not less than two hundred dollars and not
- 10 more than five hundred dollars per kilowatt of capacity for such
- 11 customer-side distributed resources, recoverable from federally
- mandated congestion charges, as defined in section 16-1. No such
- 13 award may be made unless the projected reduction in federally
- 14 mandated congestion charges attributed to the project for such
- 15 distributed resources is greater than the amount of the award. The

- amount of an award shall depend on the impact that the customer-side
- 17 distributed resources project has on reducing federally mandated
- 18 congestion charges, as defined in section 16-1.
- 19 (2) The Department of Public Utility Control may grant an
- 20 <u>additional award to retail end-use customers of electric distribution</u>
- 21 companies that received an award pursuant to subdivision (2) of this
- 22 <u>subsection. Such additional award shall be an amount of not less than</u>
- 23 two hundred dollars and not more than five hundred dollars per
- 24 kilowatt of capacity for such customer-side distributed resources,
- 25 recoverable from federally mandated congestion charges, as defined in
- 26 section 16-1. No such award may be made unless the projected
- 27 reduction in federally mandated congestion charges is greater than the
- amount of the award.
- 29 (3) Not later than October 1, 2005, the department shall conduct a
- 30 contested case proceeding, in accordance with chapter 54, to establish
- 31 additional standards for the amount of such awards and additional
- 32 criteria and the process for making such awards.
- 33 Sec. 2. Section 16-243k of the general statutes is repealed and the
- following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2011*):
- Not later than January 1, 2007, and annually thereafter, the
- 36 Department of Public Utility Control shall assess the number and types
- 37 of customer-side and grid-side distributed resources, as defined in
- 38 section 16-1, projects financed pursuant to the provisions of public act
- 39 05-1 of the June special session, and section 16-243i, as amended by
- 40 this act, and such projects' contributions to achieving fuel diversity,
- 41 transmission support, and energy independence in the state. Not later
- 42 than January 1, 2007, and biennially thereafter, the department shall
- 43 collect the information in such annual assessments and report, in
- 44 accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a, on the effectiveness of
- 45 the award program established in section 16-243i and on its findings to
- 46 the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having
- 47 cognizance of matters relating to energy.

This act shall sections:	ll take effect as follo	ws and shall amend the following
Section 1	July 1, 2011	16-243i(a)
Sec. 2	July 1, 2011	16-243k

## Statement of Purpose:

To allow the Department of Public Utility Control to revive grants to retail end use customers of electric distribution companies who received funds per kilowatt of capacity for such customer-side distributed resources.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]